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Minister, Clerk, DM,

Emerson – The RCMP have identified and engaged a “leader” for this group and they have begun to negotiate the re-opening of the Emerson port of entry. The RCMP negotiated the passage of livestock carriers and have identified a lawful protest site at the welcome building seen in the attached drone photos. There continue to be 20-30 protestors with large farm tractors and tractor trailers blocking the highway just north of the welcome area turn off. The RCMP are engaged with CBSA and RCMP nationally to coordinate intelligence, knowing actions in other jurisdictions will impact Manitoba. The RCMP have a meeting this morning with the leader where their aim is to secure at least one lane open to the Emerson point of entry. Currently commercial and private traffic is being diverted to Tolstoi where CBSA have expanded the hours of operation to accommodate. Although inconvenient, RCMP reports that traffic is able to continue to cross the international border.

Winnipeg – WPS are now anticipating significant counter-protestors staging at the Legislative Precinct over the weekend. The convoy protestors have events planned this weekend, including a fireworks display. The convoy events will begin today at 5:00pm. WPS will have a heavy police presence in the area of Broadway and Memorial over the weekend. They are also requesting we allow temporary fencing across the Broadway entrance to the Precinct to afford a physical barrier between the counter-protestors and convoy protestors. WPS had negotiated the movement of the big rigs from the Broadway Precinct entrance to accommodate the fencing and create a larger barrier for police to keep the peace over the weekend. Public Safety Division is in support of this proposal.

Led by Central Services, significant construction will begin Monday. Protective Services is working in support of this project to ensure adequate security is in place during these events.

Airport Protests – There was a significant protest at the Ottawa airport yesterday. Today there are calls for widespread airport blockades. RCMP and WPS are engaged on this. At least by this morning, no credible information has been received on any such blockade in Winnipeg.

Other Protests - WPS/RCMP/SIB are tracking a number of other protests planned around the province for the weekend. They include: smaller convoy style protests for Brandon and Swan River, school protests in Anola and Lac du Bonnet, and a constituency office protest in Steinbach. We can expect smaller pop-up protests throughout the weekend. Police of jurisdiction are alive to these evolving events and have resources planned to address them, where known.

Mike